

Thinking Themes

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Henry Fielding, I think it was, who first turned the phrase, "Republic of Letters." And I would have you consider, for a thought or two, that invisible, unorganized group of men and women, who are, after all, your real rulers; they who write what you read. They are elected by the surest of ballots, by the will and taste of readers; no amount of bribery, jockeying or bossism can put a man permanently in this senate. The people pick him. And it is a matter of beautiful, sublime indifference what the man is. In the Republic of Letters but one question is asked: "Can he do the business?" It is the fairest of known bodies. A writer may be fat and genial, lean and misanthropic, rich or poor, man, woman or child, 20 or 80, white or black or yellow, a saint or a moral pervert, a clean and healthy or a filthy and diseased person, he comes to his seat just the same if he can do the work. No prejudice nor Puritanism can reach him. The scribes and Pharisees that dominate society are powerless to touch him. He is beyond the patronage of wealth. He may creep about your city, lodging in attics and eating free lunches; and the world will bow before his name when the name of the diamond-breast-pinned merchant is known only in the cemetery. More than all priests and preach-

ers' schools, colleges, States and endowing, he is ministering, for good or evil, to mankind. "Literary men," said Carlyle, "are a perpetual priesthood."

There are dreams one forgets with the head but remembers with the heart. The details of them leaves us. It all is confused, blurred in the memory, as if clouds had grouped to form some clear picture and had instantly been blown all a-wash and a-tangle by the wind. But the dream stays on in the air of the heart. Perhaps I was sad, all night we waded through heartbreaking; and in the morning, thought though the pictures and words are gone, the aroma of them remain, and at no time of the day are we very far from weeping. Perhaps it was glad, and though we do not remember the melody we sang in the dream echoes of it keep falling all through the hours of waking. It is as though the soul had found, somewhere in the bounds of darkness, a secret pool of emotion had fallen therein and come to the gates of morning dripping wet with some unknown feeling. We might make more allowance for what souls do when awake, if we knew whither they had fared and what they had suffered in the caverns of sleep. Sometimes one is silent because he is full of these unspeakable memories, and words seem profane. Then he knows what the philosopher (Publius Syrus) meant: "Vel taceas, val meliora dic silento—Keep still, or say something better than silence."

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JOHN BREWER

Lunch on Ground

Moses Felton Slain by Wife

Last Thursday morning about 4 o'clock at their home on the farm southeast of Callao, Moses Felton was shot thru the head by his wife and instantly killed. It appears that differences existed between them on account of a daughter who had left home, and she felt apprehensive that he intended to act ugly, when, after putting the children to bed, she left the house, but he followed and forced her to return. About midnight, according to Mrs. Felton, her husband arose and got a revolver and butcher knife and placed them under his pillow—got into bed again but did not go to sleep. She also remained awake, in mortal terror of what was to come. She says about 4 o'clock in the morning, he got up and went out of the house. She took the revolver and knife from under his pillow, and he returned almost immediately and walked up to her bed saying, "You know what I told you I was going to do last night?" Mrs. Felton says she reached under the pillow, and pulled out the revolver and fired at him, the bullet entering his head. Sheriff Hale and deputies accompanied the coroner to make an investigation as soon as the tragedy was reported. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of Justifiable homicide.

Felton was 48 years old and there were 4 children in the family, the oldest 19 and the youngest 7 years old. Mrs. Felton was an orphan girl and was raised in the Stacy family near Callao.

Post Lifter That Lifts

Take an old solid cornplanter wheel and set it as closely against the post as the chain will allow, put a hook on the end of the main chain, using a shorter chain to go around the post just at the top of the ground. Hitch a horse to the other end of the chain passed over the top of the wheel, with a long singletree. This is the best post lifter ever and can be rigged up in the shortest time. The upward pull on the post may be increased by placing a triangular block in front of the wheel.

Pick out ten good ears of corn, red, white and blue and come in to the corn show with it to-day.

How Celluloid is Made

Celluloid is one of the commonest substitute for ivory, bone, hard rubber, coral, etc., and it is used for hundreds of common, everyday articles.

Familiar as all of us are with celluloid articles, very few know just how this substance is manufactured or stop to realize that it is a first cousin to nitro-glycerine, one of the best known high explosives.

Celluloid is a compound of celluloid or vegetable fibrine, reduced by acids to gun cotton. Cellulose is found in all vegetable life, particularly in young plants. It is a starch-like substance. Cotton fiber is cellulose to a large percentage.

After the cotton fiber is cleaned it is submerged in acids which quickly reduce it to cellulose in the form of a thick, pasty, semi-transparent mass. Camphor is added to further thicken it and the required coloring matter is thoroughly mixed in, after which the celluloid is moulded by heat and pressure into various useful and ornamental objects such as combs, boxes, pins, paper cutters, ornaments, etc.. Celluloid is moulded while hot, and, being of a very inflammable nature, the maintenance of an exact and constant temperature is absolutely essential in order to eliminate the danger of igniting it. In the old days the mixture was heated by high pressure steam but lately electric heaters have been devised which eliminate the leaky steam pipes, the transmission heat losses and the danger of explosion.

Who's Mistake?

"You must have called me late this morning, Sylvena. It was 12 o'clock when I reached the office. And I had an important appointment for 10 o'clock, too."

"Why, I called you at 7:30, John."

"Was the clock right?"

"Yes; I set it last night when you came home. You remember I called downstairs when you came in and asked you what time it was. And you said 10:30. The clock in my room said 1:45, so I turned it back to agree with your watch, and, of course, I called you by the correct time this morning."

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amount, and, besides, he must also have water for the general working of his internal mechanism.

Horse Notes

Checkreins are injurious unless left slack. A sandy or muddy road doubles the work. A rise of one foot in ten doubles the work. Any fool can ruin a team, but a wise driver maintains its value. The higher bred a horse is the better bred his trainer must be.

READ THE COURIER.

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